

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1211 - HB 1186

March 7, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a referendum, to be held in conjunction with a regularly scheduled election, on the question of fluoridation of the water supply provided by a water company, when the local legislative body approves the referendum by majority vote or at least one percent of registered voters sign and submit a petition to the county election commission. Requires all water companies within the political subdivision, when the majority vote is to cease fluoridation, to comply within 30 days, or be subject to a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$50.00, and further subjecting board members to removal from the board. Requires the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), in consultation with the Utility Management Review Board, to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this bill.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to TDEC, there is only one applicable water company currently utilizing fluoridation, Tennessee American Water located in Chattanooga.
- According to TDEC, any costs with promulgating rules and regulations can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or a reduced reversion..
- According to the Division of Elections, the referendum will be held in conjunction with a regularly scheduled election, which will not result in any additional expenditures for participating local governments.
- Any decrease in expenditures for ceasing to add fluoridation will be realized by the applicable water company, not by local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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